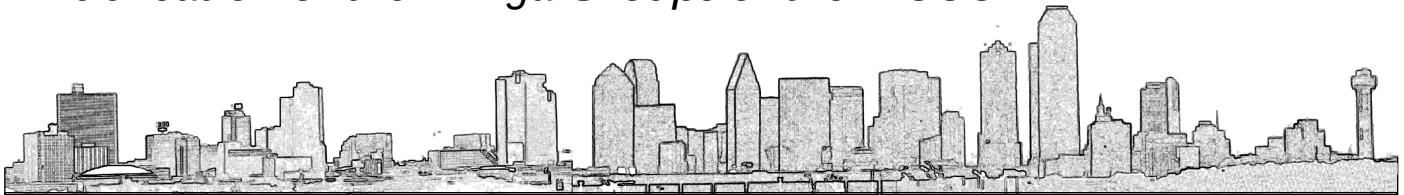


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Next-Generation Amiga Architecture

Cologne, Germany, November 13 — Amiga Inc. today announced a partnership with QNX Software Systems Ltd. to utilize the QNX realtime operating system (RTOS) as the foundation for the next-generation Amiga architecture. The announcement was made at Computer '98 in Cologne.

The Amiga shook the industry in the 80s with world-leading multimedia architecture," said Jeff Schindler, general manager of Amiga Inc. "QNX's RTOS resembles many of Amiga's unique qualities. It provides the foundation in reaching our vision for the rebirth of Amiga in the new millenium."

We see this partnership as a powerful combination of superior OS technologies, common corporate cultures, and shared business vision," said Dan Dodge, Chief Technology Officer and Cofounder of QNX Software Systems Ltd.

About Amiga

Amiga Inc. is a technology company targeting the next generation of Amiga architecture with a continued focus on multimedia and the Internet. Since the introduction of the Amiga A1000 in 1985, Amiga has represented the embodiment of the efficient use of memory and hard drive capacity, while pioneering industry developments in multimedia, 32-bit multitasking, and autoconfiguration. Amiga led the industry in combining computer graphics, animation, and film sequences with stereo sound known today as multimedia. Visit <http://www.amiga.com> and <http://www.amiga.de>.

About QSSL

Founded in 1980, QNX Software Systems is one of the top three realtime operating-system vendors in the world, with products licensed in more than a million systems worldwide. The company has established a strong customer base in a variety of industries, including aerospace, telecommunications, medical instrumentation, process control, point-of-sale, consumer electronics, finance, and telephony. With products distributed in over

100 countries, the company is headquartered in Ottawa, Canada. Visit <http://www.qnx.com>.

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Amiga Developments

The Amiga news front sure has taken a roller coaster ride this week. After posting the news about the GlowIcons earlier, several events took place in rapid succession. Fleecey Moss, the man in charge of 3.5 OS has been fired! The person in charge of the GlowIcons has now announced that GlowIcons will not be part of 3.5! Another person at Amiga Inc appears to have lost their website connection. This leaves but four people at Amiga Inc. All of this resulted in a flurry of rumors that 3.5 may or may not come about. The latest has Haage and Partner developing 3.5. So far November 1998 has been the busiest month I've seen in awhile for the Amiga.

The QNX announcement appears to be getting great feelings going in the Amiga world. Their site has a demo you can download, but you need a PC. An operating system, browser, and TCP/IP stack all on a bootable 1.44 floppy, just to show how compact it is and how well it works. Their site was swamped with downloaders getting it. Go to www.qnx.com and take a look around.

...Johnny C. Kitchens

Humor

The Reverend Henry Ward Beecher entered Plymouth church one Sunday and found several letters awaiting him. He opened one and found it contained the single word, "Fool." Quietly and with becoming seriousness he announced to the congregation the fact in these words:

"I have known many an instance of a man writing a letter and forgetting to sign his name, but this is the only instance I have ever known of a man signing his name and forgetting to write the letter."

The Net Connection

This month's Web Site articles are devoted almost exclusively news about the recent announcement naming QNX as the OS partner for the NG Amiga. This is the news we've been waiting for, and it certainly seems a good choice.

- ✓ OS News and Press Conference Reports — Four articles in all
- ✓ Dreams and Reality — Amiga's General Manager, Jeff Schindler shares his thoughts
- ✓ Picks of the Month — My picks of the best new files of the month... with downloads
- ✓ Why the Chicken Crossed the Road — Bonus humor for the month

...Bill Raecke

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December Calendar

- Dec 1 — MCCC Board of Director's Meeting
7:30 pm — Mark Stodola's Place
400 James Street, Cedar Hill
- Dec 8 — Amiga By-The-Loop Chapter
7:30 pm — Bell Helicopter Training Facility
Trinity at Norwood, Hurst
- Dec 17 — Amiga North Dallas Chapter
7:30 pm — SMU Building
Collins Blvd. & International Pkwy, Richardson
- Dec 26 — Newsletter Deadline — 7:00 am

Membership Watch

Expired November, 1998

John Cummings
Ranonda Poucher
Chris Scheers

Alan Kough
Harv Randall
Jack Slay



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David Owens

Dan Stockelman